

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

**MANUEL VEGA REYES****CASE NO. 6:22-CV-05685****VERSUS****JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH****ALPINE TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE  
RISK RETENTION GRO ET AL****MAGISTRATE JUDGE CAROL B.  
WHITEHURST**

**MINUTES OF COURT:  
JURY TRIAL – DAY 1**

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Date:	Dec. 16, 2024	Presiding:	Judge David C. Joseph
Court Opened:	9:27 AM	Courtroom Deputy:	Lisa LaCombe
Court Adjourned:	5:27 PM	Court Reporter:	Jodi Terry
Statistical Time:	6:00	Courtroom:	Courtroom 1

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**APPEARANCES**

Carl J. Rachal	For	Manuel Vega Reyes, Plaintiff
Janna Campbell Underhill	For	Alpine Transportation Insurance Risk
Steven Kent Schilling		Retention Group Inc, All Defendants
Sidney W. Degan, III		

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**PROCEEDINGS**

Case called for Jury Trial – Day 1.  
Prospective jurors empaneled and sworn.  
*Voir dire* held; jury selection concluded.  
Selected jurors sworn to try the case.  
Preliminary jury instructions given by the Court.

Opening Statement by Plaintiff.  
Opening Statement by Defendants.  
Joint Stipulation read into the record. *See* [Doc. 56].  
Rule of sequestration invoked.  
Evidence and testimony for the Plaintiff began and concluded.  
Plaintiff rests.  
Case laid over to the following day, Tuesday, **December 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

The Court accepted Dr. Gerardo Zavala M.D. as an expert in the field of neurosurgery.

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**FILINGS:**

Peremptory Challenges – Plaintiff  
Peremptory Challenges – Defendants

**MOTIONS:**

ORAL Motion to Dismiss Positive Transport Solutions LLC by the Plaintiff.  
No objection by the Defendants. The Court GRANTED the motion.

ORAL Motion for Directed Verdict pursuant to 50(a) by Defendants.  
The Court DENIED the motion.